Accreditation to the ISO/IEC 17025 Standard

Progress to date on the Cooperative Agreement

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The Labs

- FDA is working with laboratories using funds under the CoAg
  - 31 state labs (currently 30 labs)
  - In 2015, 6 food and 20 feed testing labs were awarded funding to obtain accreditation

- APHL was awarded monies to support accreditation in collaboration with AAFCO and AFDO
  - 16 original ad-hoc labs
    - AZ, NE obtained accreditation
    - AR already accredited when assigned
    - 4 now part of 2015 cohort (CO, WY, AL, NV)
  - Now working with 9 ad-hoc labs
We can help more labs!

• Looking to expand our reach to see how they can fit into one of the Associations for lab support
  • Fertilizer programs
  • FIFRA Testing
  • Rad Labs
Subcommittees, Work Groups, etc.

- Food and Feed Testing Subcommittee
  - Charged with gathering and disseminating resources
  - Discussions about accreditation status and current needs, sustainability, and successes

- Partnership for Food Protection (PFP) Lab Sciences Workgroup
  - Food/Feed Testing Laboratories Best Practices Manual (Draft)

- Data Acceptance Workgroup
  - Best Practices document/checklist
The Work Continues

• GOODSamples
  – Published in October 2015
• Development of a Laboratory Curriculum Framework for Governmental Food and Feed Testing Laboratories
Resources

• Food and Feed Testing Accreditation Discussion Board
  – On-line forum for the exchange of information related to becoming accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025 standard
  – Open to state and local food and feed testing personnel

• Accreditation Resources
  – Public-facing site
  – Members only restricted site
Resources

Food and Animal Feed Laboratory Accreditation

Accreditation Resources

For Food and Animal Feed Laboratories Only

SAVED TOPICS: Accreditation, Food Safety Labs, Member Resources

Member Only SOP

4.11 Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action

4.11 APHL Root Cause Corrective Action, April 12, 2013
4.11 FL admin 061-7dl-uncontrolled
4.11 FL CA 663, March, 24, 2011 QAU
4.11 FL CA 674, May 4, 2011 LW
4.11 FL CA 681, June 1, 2011 M December 7, 2011
4.11 FL CA 692, June 2011 M 9511
4.11 FL CA695, July 6, 2011 M
4.11 FL CA 698-071111-Mol, August 21, 2011
4.11 FL s03011 9dl uncontrolled
4.11 ORA Laboratory Manual Volume II, Corrective Action Procedure
4.11 MT PDP QC 2R v5, Corrective Action
4.11 NC Nonconformity Report
4.11 NC PD-QMS.009 Control of Nonconformities and Corrective Action v4
4.11 ORA Laboratory Manual Volume II - Corrective Action Procedure
4.11 Root Cause Presentation, A2LA
4.11 TX M0036 Improvement and Preventative Action Procedure
4.11 Revised FL CA Log
Training

• Available on the APHL.org website
  – Over 15 webinars have been posted
  – Provided training to more than 800 participants
• New for 2015-2016:
  – Basic QMS webinar series / New-hire ISO/IEC 17025 Training
  – Addition of Feed Laboratories and additional Food Laboratories under cooperative agreements
  – Federal Quality Managers being engaged as speakers
  – 2016 Laboratory Accreditation Meeting in conjunction with the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA)-
    • February 1-4, 2016 in Louisville, KY
What’s next?

• Sustainability!
  – Currently in Y04 of the 5-year CoAg
  – What happens when funding goes away?
  – How will labs continue to sustain and/or expand accreditation

• National Plan
  – Focus on sustaining accreditation beyond the CoAg
Success Stories

• How has accreditation impacted your laboratory?
• Lab Matters Articles, APHL Lab Blog, posters/presentations
• Focus on the value added
THANK YOU

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